**A MEETING OF THE RESIDENTS OF UNION BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL PREMISES WITH THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL , REV. JOSEPH SUNNY NDOLO ON THURSDAY 4TH MARCH, 2021.**

* 1. ATTENDANCE: A total of 33 persons were in attendance, the attendance list is attached

2.0 OPENING: An opening prayer was said by the school chaplain, Rev. John Okpala at 8.01pm.

1. In his opening remark, the principal and the convener of the gathering, Rev. Ndolo, said the day marked his first anniversary of his posting to the school after the state governor’s approval in year 2020. According to him, the covid-19 pandemic came shortly after the announcement and that delayed is coming, making him operate from his private residence. Schools and other public life were eventually shut down and normal life yet to fully return in all sectors. He said he finally assumed duties as the school principal here in January,2021 following the reopening of schools .

4.0 While observing that he was not accorded any welcome formality as a principal, he was not holding that against anyone in view of the circumstances brought about by the global pandemic. He informed that his assumption of duties was on 1st January, 2021 which was a public holiday and a day most people were still at home enjoying their end-of-year holidays. It was by God’s grace, he said, that the eastern state governments met and graciously approved that schools would reopen on 18th January, 2021. This meeting, he informed, was to enable him commune and familiarize himself with the residents of the school premises to ensure that the co-habitation would yield good fruits.

1. INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENTS

The chairman requested that all in attendance introduce themselves and that was done starting from himself. All members present equally wrote down their names on the attendance sheet.

6.0 SECURITY

The principal raised the burning issue of a security information that the bandits and terrorists attaching schools in the northern part of the country may likely extent their nefarious acts to the southern part. Emphasis was laid on the fact that everyone must see himself as a security officer. After a very detailed discussion on the matter, the following were agreed upon:

( i) Every occupant must buy a good-sounding whistle which we must all blow upon noticing any security breach or when a neighbor is also blowing his/her own

(ii) The entrance gate will henceforth be locked at 9pm daily and never to be opened except on the express permission of the principal or bishop of the diocese.

( iii ) Every member of the community must drop his/her names and phone numbers with the Chief Security Officer ( CSO ). The data would be in the custody of the men at the gate at all times

( iv ) the gatemen are mandated to screen all entrants into the school premises

( v ) Any visitor to an occupant of the premises must be screened and the occupant contacted on phone for proper identification and confirmation.

( vi ) Every occupant should get the phone number of the CSO and/or any other security personnel at the point of going to register.

( vii ) The principal assured that the teams that normally come for football had been stopped while those coming for other sports in the field are being well monitored.

( ix ) the principal lamented the incessant cases of petty thefts of parts of classroom furniture, parts of building/roofs, building materials and even economic trees in the premises and cautioned perpetrators to stop it or be disgraced.

7.0 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

After an exhaustive deliberation, it was unanimously agreed that our meetings would not be on any officially agreed schedule but on “needs” basis. Meetings would be called whenever a need for one arises.

8.0 NEED FOR REGULAR INTERACTION OF OCCUPANTS

A suggestion was made by Emeka for setting up a whatsapp group for occupants. The idea was adopted by the house and he was made the coordinator and admin of the whtasapp forum. He was mandated to immediately start work on that.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oha moved a motion for adjournment of the meeting and his motion was seconded by Stella Ogbonna.

10.0 The meeting rose via a closing prayer taken by the principal at 9.30pm.

Rev. Joseph S. Ndolo Uche Aniago

( Principal/chairman ) ( taking notes )